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For: CANNING STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CATALYTIC  
CONVERTER USING THE CANNING STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections in the  
Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, in light of the following  
remarks.

Applicants acknowledge that the previous rejections have  
been withdrawn, and submit, with respect, that the claims are  
patentable over the new rejections discussed herein.

The rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 USC 103 as  
unpatentable over Locker et al. EP '133 in view of Close et al.  
'865 in view of Machida et al. '079 is respectfully traversed.  
Initially, it is believed that Machida et al. '079 is not part  
of the rejection, and the arguments below are presented based on  
that assumption.

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